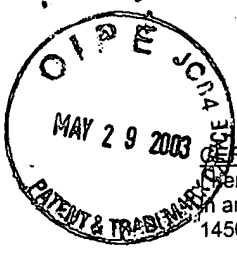


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**AMENDMENT**

**AND**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action, dated March 25, 2003, which required restriction of Applicants' original claims into 28 different groups. This response is considered timely, and a Petition for a one-month extension of time is concurrently filed herein.

Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention denominated as Group IV, claims 1 – 40. Prior to examining the above-identified application on the merits, please consider and enter the instant amendment.